| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Daman and Diu | — | 0.90 | 0.22 |
| Lakshadweep | — | 0.45 | 2.62 |
| Puducherry | — | 0.45. | 4.19 |
| Chandigarh | — | 0.45 | 0.20 |
| TOTAL | 8640.86 | 12604.68 | 29939.6 |

**CBI plan to complete investigations**

*294. SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN SINGH: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that CBI plans to complete investigations of all cases within one year from date of registration;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) the number of cases that are pending as on 31 December, 2008 for investigation;

(d) whether CBI is creating a "Virtual Private Network" for web-based online investigations; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) and (b) The time taken to complete investigation of cases depends on the nature of cases, number of witnesses to be examined and number and type of documents to be scrutinized. Though it is the endeavor of CBI to complete investigation in all cases at the earliest no specific time frame can be prescribed for completion of investigation. There is a laid down system in the CBI of regularly reviewing the progress of cases under investigation with a view to finalize them early.

(c) As on December 31, 2008, 1005 cases were pending investigation in CBI.

(d) and (e) A sum of Rs. 3.08 crores has been sanctioned during the year 2008-09 under the Plan Scheme of CBI e-Governance for setting up a Wide Area Network and other e-Governance applications for the CBI.

**Report on labour and employment**

*295. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR:
SHRI VIJAY JAWAHARLAL DARDA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission in their Report on Labour and Employment, released during February, 2009, predicted that "worst hit would be the elderly in rural areas

where 1.40 crore senior citizens, including 44 lakh women" would be forced to work, mostly as casual labour, for their subsistence; and

(b) if so, whether the collective wisdom of our planners would do perspective planning so that after 62 years of independence, our senior citizens are not forced to work for their subsistence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY): (a) and (b) The Technical Note on Employment prepared for the Eleventh Five Year Plan (2007-12) by the Planning Commission has made projections for labour force and its participation rates. The note projects the number of 60+ persons that will remain in labour force at the end of the Eleventh Five Year Plan as 1.43 crore including 33.49 lakh women. These projections are based on the 61st round of National Sample Survey. This Technical Note provided the statistical and analytical base for the estimates and projections of Labour Force and Employment for the Eleventh Five Year Plan Document. The above projections are not classified by levels of income or consumption expenditure.

The Government of India has initiated a number of programmes to provide social security to senior citizens like Indira Gandhi National Old Age Pension Scheme (IGNOAPS), Indira Gandhi National Widow Pension Scheme (IGNWPS), Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY), Aam Admi Bima Yojana (AABY) etc.

**Lord Ganesha's picture on beer bottle**

†*296. SHRI PRABHAT JHA: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware of the fact that a US beer company has depicted Lord Ganesha on one of its brand bottles;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government in this regard;

(c) the action so far taken by Government in respect of this outrageous act; and

(d) the steps Government propose to take in order to check acts hurting the religious sentiments of Hindus all over the world?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI PRENEET KAUR) : (a) Government is aware that a beer company in the US – Lost Coast Brewery, Eureka, California has labeled one of its beer brands with the portrait of Lord Ganesha.

(b) to (d) As is Government's practice, the matter was taken up by our Mission in the US with the US Government and the company expressing outrage at the incident, and asking that the product be immediately withdrawn.

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.